

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for removing fasteners, comprising:
a socket bit holder having a first end and a second end, ~~wherein the first end is a concave end,~~ the first end further comprising a socket bit receptacle and a continuous concave surface surrounding the socket bit receptacle, and the second end comprising a socket drive receptacle.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a bit ~~having a bit head wherein the bit is located and retained within~~ inserted into the socket bit receptacle.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the bit ~~head is located and retained to extend~~ protrudes a predetermined distance from the ~~concave first~~ first end.
- 4 - 7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a wrench is connected to the socket drive receptacle.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the wrench is pneumatic.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the socket drive receptacle accommodates a 1/2" square drive.
- 11 - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A system for removing a fastener having an insertion receptacle from an assembly, comprising:

means for inserting into the insertion receptacle;

means for retaining the inserting means such that the inserting means protrudes a predetermined distance from the retaining means; ~~and~~

means for aligning the fastener with the retaining means; and

means for receiving a socket drive.

21 - 23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the means for retaining is a socket bit holder.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the means for aligning is a continuous concave surface ~~and retaining means.~~

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20[[6]], wherein the means for receiving a socket drive ~~receptacle~~ comprise a 1/2" square drive.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, further comprising means for torquing attached to the receiving ~~attaching~~ means.

29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the means for torquing is a wrench.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the wrench is pneumatic.
31. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the concave surface has a generally annular shape extending substantially from an outer perimeter of the first end to the socket bit receptacle.
32. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the concave surface generally conforms to a shape of a fastener head.
33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the concave surface urges the socket bit holder into a substantially perpendicular relationship with respect to the fastener head.
34. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the concave surface substantially aligns the first end with the fastener head.
35. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the socket bit holder further comprises a single solid piece of a material.
36. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the socket bit receptacle comprises a cavity in the socket bit holder having an opening at the first end.
37. (New) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the socket bit receptacle further includes a hexagonal cross section.
38. (New) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the bit has a generally six-pointed star-shaped cross section.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the cross section is at least in part formed from six concave curve segments spaced equidistantly around and tangent to a geometric circle with a center at a longitudinal axis of the bit.
40. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the points of the star are truncated.
41. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the predetermined distance is approximately equal to a depth of a specified fastener head configuration.
42. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the predetermined distance is less than a depth of a specified fastener head configuration.
43. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the inserting means has a generally six-pointed star-shaped cross section.
44. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein the cross section is at least in part formed from six concave curve segments spaced equidistantly around and tangent to a geometric circle with a center at a longitudinal axis of the bit.
45. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the aligning means generally conforms to a shape of a specified fastener head and substantially aligns the retaining means with the fastener.
46. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the predetermined distance is approximately equal to a depth of a specified fastener head configuration.

47. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the predetermined distance is less than a depth of a specified fastener head configuration.